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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	Staaken Airfield		615539
EVALUATION	see below	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1A
DATE OF CONTENT	19 December 1953 to 11 January 1954		
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1. On 19 and 30 December 1953 and on 2 January 1954, Staaken airfield was apparently still occupied. The radio installation at the southwestern corner of the taxiway was guarded and lighted at night. Smoke was observed rising from the smokestack of the house between Hamburger Chaussee and the radio installation. A lieutenant wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the radio installation while speaking Russian with a civilian.
2. On 29 December, source learned from a German, who had performed official duty at the airfield, that the Soviet commandant had informed the president of the council of Kreis Nauen that the Soviets no longer required the airfield and its installation and that Kreis Nauen could dispose of the installation for agricultural purposes.
3. On 11 January, the airfield was not occupied by air force personnel. No aircraft were parked on the landing field and the hangars were closed. Only a Soviet border guard detail and a radio section with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were stationed at the field.

25X1A ☐ Comment. Staaken airfield is not occupied by an air unit. The existence of a PKV-45 DP station and the presence of a border guard detail are known. The alleged release of the airfield by the Soviets, which is reported by source 2, appears possible. Additional indications of an intended release have not been reported.

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